

*Section 5 – Inspector Update 5*  
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Dear colleagues

## **Secondary school inspection reports**

In addition to the additional information provided in Inspector Update 4 on report HMCi has asked that with **immediate effect**, all secondary school section 5 inspection reports should reflect the following.

- There must be a comment on early entry for GCSE examinations. Where the school has an early entry policy, inspectors must be clear on whether early entry is limiting the potential of the most able pupils. Where early entry is not used, inspectors must comment briefly to that effect.
- When reporting on the use and impact of the pupil premium, it is not enough to state simply that the funding is being well used or not. There has to be a short statement on APS scores for pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) pupils in relation to scores for non-FSM pupils, in addition to an evaluation of other evidence used by the school to demonstrate improvements in progress and attainment for pupils eligible for the pupil premium.
- There must be an evaluation of the effectiveness of any alternative provision, even if only small numbers of students are involved. If the school does not use alternative provision this should be stated in the information about the school.
- There must be specific comments on whether governors know about the quality of teaching, how well they understand performance management and know what is being done on salary progression and promotion issues within the school.

Thank you for paying close attention to this and other additional guidance provided in the Inspection Updates in recent weeks. These amendments are inevitable as a new framework is established. The key points from Inspector Updates will be incorporated into the main inspection documents as they are updated for January 2013.

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